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- 25X1 1. At the end of March 1952, "transfer account books" were sent around to tenants of nationalized houses. In these books were to be entered deposits which the tenants were forced to make in advance to cover rent, gas, electricity, and water. From these deposits the sums actually found to be due were later deducted by the state. The house stewards were instructed to hold house committee meetings at which the advantages of the books were explained, and when some people objected, saying they preferred the old method of spot-collection, they were told that it was better to please the local council and "possibly avoid paying a fine" than to wait until the books became compulsory. The main objection to the books is of course that there is no real control by the depositors, on how their money is to be spent.
- 25X1 2. During the last week of May 1952, insurance collectors, who previously used to collect insurance contributions monthly in advance, informed contributors that in the future the money must be paid for two months in advance.
3. It is of course possible that both the above steps are being taken to save manpower. Certainly the gas and electricity bills are left to run for two months in the summer, presumably for this purpose.
4. Another practice is to collect three forints per head from factory workers for the sending of telegrams of protest such as have been sent about Belogiannes, Stil, and Duclos.
- 25X1 5. [redacted] released prisoners, political and criminal, that they have been fined on release for various reasons, for example:
- a. One had to pay 150 forints for non-fulfilment of norms; and
- b. another 112 forints, for "over-eating his keep".

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